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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: June 6, 2007

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1611

RE: MTC / CMA Interagency Agreements for FY 2007-08 / 2008-09

Background

Since the passage of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), MTC has been providing Surface Transportation Program (STP) Planning Funds to the Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) to support local and county level planning functions as established under State and federal statutes.

Over time the workscopes have maintained core work tasks for general countywide transportation planning and assisting MTC in implementing federal and State transportation planning and programming by representing the local transportation interests within the county and coordinating with regional, State and federal interests. Primary work efforts have focused on development of project priorities for the regional transportation plans, and development of countywide plans and congestion management programs. Core tasks have also included assistance in project delivery, coordination with various stakeholders, and participation with the regional Partnership committees.

The workscopes have been updated over time to address various issues. Most significantly, additional funds were provided beginning in 2005 to better coordinate land use and transportation planning, through the Transportation and Land Use Solutions (TPLUS) program. This program provides funds for CMAs to assist with the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program, both by supporting the regional program and managing the county level programs. Additionally, the CMAs were tasked with developing appropriate programs to better coordinate land use and transportation in their own county, in consultation with MTC staff, and to report regularly on their progress and next steps.

Current Agreements

MTC currently has funding agreements with the Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) (or substitute agencies), in each of the nine Bay Area counties to support general planning and programming efforts, generally referred to as the "3% Planning Funds," and to support better coordination of land use and transportation, through T-PLUS. The current one-year agreements provide funding through FY 2006-07.

Proposed New Agreements

During the programming of the Third Cycle SAFETEA STP/CMAQ program, the CMAs requested \$1.2 million in additional planning funds for additional responsibilities they were taking on, including planning activities related to the Lifeline program, community-based planning, the bicycle-pedestrian program, and the TLC program. The Partnership Board recommended, and the Commission approved, an initial augmentation of \$1.8 million to address these additional planning activities. MTC set aside \$1.8 million for planning support, with a \$1.2 million increase (or \$135,000 per county) for FY 2006-07, with the remaining \$0.6 million held in reserve pending a review of annual funding needs for CMAs in response to MTC's Strategic Plan recommendations. It is now proposed that the initial augmentation of \$135,000 per county to the CMA's STP Planning funds be maintained at the FY 2006-07 level for each of the next two years through the end of SAFETEA (FY 2008-09). The level of CMA planning funds will then be re-examined after the next federal reauthorization.

TPLUS Program

MTC staff surveyed the work conducted under the T-PLUS program and concluded that overall it has helped the CMAs significantly expand their capacity to coordinate transportation and land use planning. The T-PLUS program was reviewed by the Planning Committee in May 2007, which recommended continuation of the program with some revisions to the workscope to better address certain issues. Staff recommends a continuation of the T-PLUS program at the same funding level of \$150,000 per CMA per year for the next two years, totaling \$2.7 million, to support the following transportation and land use objectives:

1. County Transportation for Livable Communities/Housing Incentive Program (TLC/HIP) program support and project delivery.
2. Support for Resolution 3434 transit oriented development policy, and other transit oriented development and station area planning.
3. Participation in the MTC/ABAG/BAAQMD regional blueprint *Focusing Our Vision*.
4. Support development and implementation of parking policies developed as part of MTC's ongoing parking study.
5. Support implementation of any land use recommendations developed as part of the Bay Area's Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.

Recommendation

We recommend that this Committee authorize new contracts with the nine congestion management agencies or substitute agencies for a two-year period, with funding totaling \$11,200,000 as detailed in the attached Summary Sheet.

Steve Heminger

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Funding Agreement Authorizations

Work Item No.:	1611
Work Project Title:	CMA Planning, Programming, and Transportation/ Land Use 2007-08 – 2008-09
Purpose of Project:	To provide funding to CMAs/substitute agencies to conduct planning, programming, project monitoring, and integration of transportation and land use planning.
Brief Scope of Work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMA Planning and Programming<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Planning and programming, to include assistance in development of the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan, monitoring of project delivery, and coordinating the efforts and interest of the constituent cities and transportation agencies within each county.• MTC/CMA Transportation/ Land Use Work Program Facilitate the integration of transportation and land use planning within counties and between the counties and with MTC, focusing on<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transportation for Livable Communities/Housing Incentive Program (TLC/HIP) programs.- Support MTC's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policy for Res. 3434 corridors, station area planning efforts and other relevant station area and TOD planning efforts in the county.- Work with ABAG, MTC and the Air District on implementing the Focusing our Vision (FOCUS) project.- Support development and implementation of alternative parking policies to support smart growth as described in the MTC parking study.- Work with local jurisdictions to implement land use recommendations from the regional Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plans.- Summarize Transportation-Land Use work, including quarterly progress reports, and an annual report of overall progress, including progress on transit-oriented developments within the county, and lessons learned.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	General Planning, Programming and Transportation / Land Use by CMAs 2007-08 – 2008-09: \$11,200,000

Project Cost Not to Exceed
(continued):

CMA/substitute agency Planning, Programming, and
Transportation/Land Use

See attached chart

Funding Source:

STP subject to funds being available

Fiscal Impact:

Funds are included in MTC's adopted Agency Budget for FY
2007-08

Motion by Committee:

That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to
negotiate and enter into funding agreement with the individual
Congestion Management Agencies (or substitute agencies) for
FY 2007-08 – 2008-09 for the planning, programming and
transportation/land use integration efforts listed above subject to
funds being available.

Administration Committee:

Bob Blanchard, Chair

Approved:

Date: June 13, 2007